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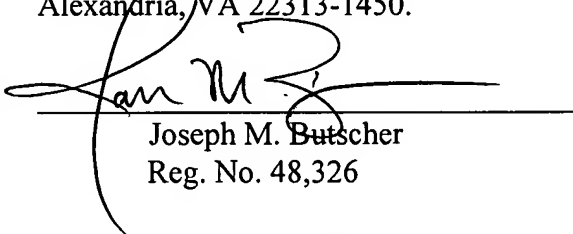
For: System and Method for Determining  
the Position of a Flexible Instrument Used in  
a Tracking System

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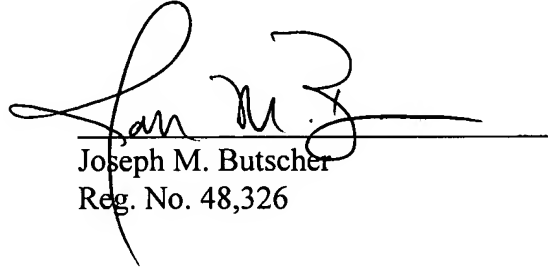
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		2003/004439	01-02-2003	Pant, et al.			
		5,803,089	09-08-1998	Ferre, et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
		2002095630 (Abstract)	04-02-2002	Japan				
		63241409 (Abstract)	10-06-1988	Japan				
		WO 02/36018	05-10-2002	WO				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		French search report for 0409604, which claims priority to US 10/660,825
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